

**NMED/EPA Monthly Call
February 28, 2022
Draft Agenda**

**Attendees
NMED**

**Region 6
Sherry Fuerst**

News/Announcements

- R6: New RA Dr. Earthea Nance. Started the end of 2021
- Cecil Rodrigues (from Region 3/Philadelphia) will serve as interim Deputy Regional Administrator.
- Infrastructure & O₃ section Chief is now Melanie Magee
- Carl Young and Robert Todd retired 12/31/21
- New EPA modeler: Ron Thomas
- NM: New modeler joined their team.

Early Engagement - Status of SIP/Non-SIP Submittals

- Regional Haze Updates:
 - NMED- Mark Jones: new forth coming website, wait for regular regional haze monthly meeting.
- 110(a)(2) Transport submittals:
 - 2015 ozone Updates –
 - Link to the [[HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-R06-OAR-2021-0801-0001"](https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-R06-OAR-2021-0801-0001)]
 - NM and CABC action
 - SO₂ Transport – No updates from last time.
- 179B(b) demonstration Updates:
 - NMED: Armando Paz
 - EPA: Carrie Paige, Sherry Fuerst, Melanie Magee

The [[HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0548-0587"](https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0548-0587)] to address the remand for El Paso county, TX and Weld County, CO was posted to Regulations.gov on November 29, 2021 with an effective date of December 30, 2021.

Submittals & Current Rulemaking Activities

EPA

- Sunland Park EI & ES (Nevine)à Published October 15th. *Comment period closed Nov. 15th*
 - We received one comment. We have completed the RTC and briefed the RA on Thursday and are awaiting signature to finalize rule making[[HYPERLINK "https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-10-15/pdf/2021-22283.pdf"](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-10-15/pdf/2021-22283.pdf)]
- 2010 NO₂ transport certification submittal (Nevine) à no updates from last call.

NM

- Ozone Advance. Updates: Carrie, Randy, and Brian Schath – Update
- Clean Cars Rule: Neal Butt: Update
 - Mike Baca: they had an informal comment period end of October through November, info and comments received from stake holder are very supportive. So the rule is in good place to be adopted.

Additional Topics, Questions, and Follow-up

- 2022 Annual SIP Management Plan – Sherry will be sending a draft to Michael
- Upcoming rule making activities?
- Energy Transition Act- Bob Spillers: through legislators, develop rule making standard (state only rule) for coal fired energy generating facilities, initial stages working on this, request a hearing in March/April – in place 2023. Minimum size limit for facilities in the state statue. (emission standard for CO₂ megawatt hour- directive to coal fired power plant desired to push renewable - San Juan generating station- renewal energy portfolio).

- Construction Fees (part 75-construction fees-SIP related) title V and NSR and rule making activities. Need to talk with EPA if they revise this rule, what do they need to do? What NMED need to keep in mind to move forward with it?
- Possibility to reappeal process equipment as part of SIP- end of next year – to clean their rules a little bit. Old rule adopted back in the 70s, that are not enforced anymore.
- Other items for status follow-up or separate discussions.
- Submitting Exceptional Event demonstrations, data for nonattainment area and if concurred with, they will have CDD for the first time. Armando started to look into guidance document, jurisdictions, eagle path Alaska.

Next scheduled Monthly March 24 1:00-2:00 PM MDT Michael Baca will be out, we'll proceed as scheduled?

NAAQS – periodic reviews (NS = no schedule for next review):

Carbon Monoxide (2011) – NS: [[HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/carbon-monoxide-co-air-quality-standards"](https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/carbon-monoxide-co-air-quality-standards)]

Primary NO₂ (2018) – NS: [[HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov/naaqs/nitrogen-dioxide-no2-primary-air-quality-standards"](http://www.epa.gov/naaqs/nitrogen-dioxide-no2-primary-air-quality-standards)]

Primary SO₂ – (2019) – NS: [[HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov/naaqs/sulfur-dioxide-so2-primary-air-quality-standards"](http://www.epa.gov/naaqs/sulfur-dioxide-so2-primary-air-quality-standards)]

Ozone – EPA will reconsider the December 2020 decision to retain the Ozone NAAQS

A CASAC ad hoc panel is being formed to review the policy relevant science for the Ozone NAAQS reconsideration.

Anticipated schedule – proposal December 2022, final December 2023

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/ozone-o3-air-quality-standards"](https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/ozone-o3-air-quality-standards)]

Particulate Matter (PM) - On February 25, February 28, and March 4, 2022, the Chartered Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and the CASAC PM Panel will hold virtual public meetings to discuss draft CASAC reports on the EPA's Draft Supplement to the 2019 Integrated Science Assessment for PM and the Draft PM Policy Assessment. The meetings are scheduled for 11 to 3 pm daily, eastern time. For more information, including how to access these meetings, please visit [[HYPERLINK "https://casac.epa.gov"](https://casac.epa.gov)].

Lead (2016) – NS: [[HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/lead-pb-air-quality-standards"](https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/lead-pb-air-quality-standards)]

*EPA's review of the Lead NAAQS should move forward this winter, as the CASAC Lead Review Panel has been established. The Determination Memo, which provides a review of the process and list of panel members is posted at [[HYPERLINK "https://casac.epa.gov/ords/sab/f?p=105:18:10846463042740:::RP,18:P18_ID:2613"](https://casac.epa.gov/ords/sab/f?p=105:18:10846463042740:::RP,18:P18_ID:2613)].

Secondary NO₂/SO₂/PM – Final ISA posted 10/19/20.

[[HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov/naaqs/nitrogen-dioxide-no2-and-sulfur-dioxide-so2-secondary-air-quality-standards"](http://www.epa.gov/naaqs/nitrogen-dioxide-no2-and-sulfur-dioxide-so2-secondary-air-quality-standards)]

Anticipate the draft Policy Assessment early 2022

Anticipate same schedule as PM NAAQS review: proposal Summer 2022, final Spring 2023.